

NT Surfline 25 February 2010

NT Surfline is for members and supporters of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory. It provides brief information on the latest news and activities on the National and Territory scene. It is not intended to replace club newsletters – the primary source of news from your local club.

NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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Paddle Boards Donated

It's a long way from Byron Bay to the Gove Peninsula in the Northern Territory. But three watermen, surfer Dave Rastovich, board maker Dick Van Straalen and Yothu Yindi bass man Stuart Kellaway, are forging a special connection with Australia's first Indigenous surf club. Club members at the Walngawu Djakamirri surf club at Yirrkala in North East Arnhem Land are receiving donated boards and are keen to get onto this season's competition circuit. The club is living out of a sea container and is desperate for the new gear. There's also a whisper around that this will be the year of an inaugural 'around the island' race from Shady Beach at Yirrkala – stay tuned for details in coming weeks.

Darwin Fannie Bay Classic Swim

The best open water swim in the territory, the Darwin Fannie Bay Classic Swim, is on again – Sunday 20th June, start time 10.30am. In recent years the number of swimmers has grown strongly and is now edging toward 150. There's a 2.1 km course and a 1.2 km course with the finish line at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club – just in time for lunch & refreshments! Our top 2.1km swimmers are expected to bolt across Fannie Bay in around 31 minutes!

Aussies Dates announced for 2011 & 2012

For those members with long term plans here are the dates for the 2011 and 2012 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships:

2011 Aussie Champs: Tuesday 5 April - Sunday 10 April

2012 Aussie Champs: Tuesday 27 March – Sunday 1 April

Maxxis Tyres helps drive Surf Life Saving

Maxxis Tyres have donated \$7,500 to SLSNT, a valuable contribution that will greatly assist our surf sports program. SLSNT President Bob Creek said he was thrilled with the donation from Maxxis Tyres and stressed the importance of sport in surf lifesaving as a means of keeping members fit, healthy and rescue-ready. With distribution in approximately 160 countries, operations in Asia, Europe and North America, and more than 20,000 employees around the world, Maxxis is one of the largest and most respected tyre companies in the world; currently ranked #10 globally. Maxxis are proud to be supporting the Territory's surf lifesavers and being a partner in promoting safety on our roads and our beaches.

Westpac Community Arts Day supports Surf Life Saving

A big thankyou to Westpac branch in Darwin City for hosting '100 Things We Love about Darwin', a community art exhibition on Monday 22 February. Proceeds are being donated to Surf Life Saving and will greatly assist our activities in 2010. Special guest was Surf Lifesaver and Darwin Young Citizen of the Year, Rachel Chalada, who spoke passionately about what surf lifesaving means to her. Westpac's support for Surf Life Saving is legendary -the bank's 35 year support of our lifesaving services, including the famous Westpac Rescue Helicopters, has made corporate history as the longest major sponsorship partnership in Australia.

Sign Up for SAR Team – new members wanted

All current and prospective members of the Search & Rescue (SAR) Team are invited to sign up at the Annual Conference lunch and keynote session on Saturday 6th March, 1pm-2.30pm. You'll have the opportunity to meet National Coastsafe Manager Matt Thompson and hear how our elite lifesavers perform a range of vital roles right around the Australian coastline. Our new Rescue Jetskis will be on show as well as a brand new Midcoast Marine cat hull IRB – it's going to be an exciting year ahead for all involved. The afternoon will also include the setting of training dates. If you can attend please email SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au or call 8985 6588 so we order enough lunch!

Annual General Meetings this weekend

Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Saturday 27th February, 10.00am at SLSNT.

Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club, Sunday 28th February, 4.00pm at the clubrooms.

Coming up next weekend...

Darwin Surf Life Saving Club, Friday 5th March, 6.30pm at the clubrooms.

Surf Life Saving NT Saturday 6th March, 9.00am at SLSNT.

Election of Office-Bearers – Are you ready to help write the next chapter?

Would you like to be part of a dynamic and successful lifesaving organisation? For the SLSNT Annual General Meeting on Saturday 6th March members are invited to nominate for the following Committee positions...President (2 year term), Director of Lifesaving (2 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Director of Competition (1 year remaining of a 2 year term) and Public Officer (1 year term).

Nominations are also invited for the following non-Committee positions. All are 1 year terms...

Publicity Officer, Historian, First Aid / Marine Stinger Officer, Risk Manager, Grievance Officer, Powercraft Officer, Senior Team Managers, Junior Team Manager, IT Officer and Webmaster.

Coaching & Officials Conference on the Gold Coast

The Monday before the Australian Championships, March 15th, is the date for the Annual SLSA Coaches & Officials Conference. The Conference is being held on the Gold Coast and will provide some of the best and latest information for our coaches and officials the day before the action gets underway on Kurrawa Beach. If you are interested in attending please contact Tony Snelling on 8985 6588 or email tony.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

Annual Surf Life Saving Conference Agenda

The agenda for SLSNT's Annual Conference in Darwin, on Saturday 6th March and Sunday 7th March, will set the scene for the coming 2010 season and provide further definition to our 3 year plan. Highlights of the program include

- SLSA's Coastal Safety Services Manager, Matthew Thompson, will provide a national perspective to our lifesaving and emergency service initiatives
- Major revamp of our sports calendar
- Offshore Rescue Boat – to commence this season!
- Launch of a dedicated phone number for 24/7 search and rescue callouts
- Update for trainers and assessors on new educational resources and assessment tools
- Update for coaches and officials on pool events

The Conference program has been distributed to clubs and is available from SLSNT by calling 8985 6588 or emailing surf@lifesavingnt.com.au. The Conference is free to members but registration is essential.

Australian Championship Entries Now Open

Great news – entries are now open and the timetable is up on the new look Aussies website. This year SLSA have a dedicated website for everything Aussies (previously three separate websites). Please take some time to check it out: www.aussiechamps.com.au These championships will bring together 7,500 competitors and their families, friends and supporters for two days of Masters action and four days of age and open competition. The key dates are...

Masters Events: Tuesday 16 March & Wednesday 17 March

U15-Open Events: Thursday 18 March – Sunday 21 March

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Key Dates for your Diary...

Sat 6 March: Annual General Meeting. 11 am at SLSNT.

Sat & Sun 6-7 March: Annual Conference at SLSNT.

Mon 15 March: National Coaches and Officials Conference

Tue & Sun, 16 - 21 March: Whereis Australian Masters & Open Surf Life Saving Championships, Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast.

Sat 25 September: NT Surf Life Saving Senior Championships, Casuarina Beach, Darwin.

Sun 26 September: NT Surf Life Saving Junior Championships, Casuarina Beach, Darwin.